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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination.

In the Claims

Claim 1

Line 1, delete "pharmaceutical composition comprising a"

Line 22-23 (actual count), delete "and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said  
composition useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases"

Claim 2

Line 1, change "composition" to --compound-- and change "wherein the compound is" to  
--having formula--

Claim 3

Line 21, change "diseases," to --diseases.--

Line 22 to the end, delete, including the structure on page 31.

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